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NEW MINIMUM WAGE AND WORKING HOURS

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1. STRIKE CONTINUING AND HAS SPREAD TO STEVEDORES AND EMPLOYEES OF SHELL FUEL DEPOT, SOLE SUPPLY POINT FOR ALL RETAIL OUTLETS IN COUNTRY. TRANSPORT RAPIDLY GRINDING TO HALT. REDUCED FERRY SERVICE OPERATING BETWEEN BANJUL AND BARRA ON NORTH BANK. TRANS-GAMBIA HIGHWAY FERRY OPERATING NORMALLY. TELEPHONES TO DAKAR OUT BUT PRESUMABLY DUE HEAVY RAINS SINCE TELEX STILL FUNCTIONING. RUMORED CUTS IN ELECTRICITY AND WATER HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED BUT GAMBIA UTILITIES SERVICE CREWS OUT.

2. LARGE RALLY OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WORKERS NOW IN PROGRESS AT FOOTBALL FIELD OPPOSITE PWD. OUTCOME OF MEETING WILL PROBABLY DETERMINE WHETHER STRIKE TO BE PROLONGED OR TERMINATED. BEST GUESS IS STRIKE COULD END ANYTIME BETWEEN TODAY AND SATURDAY.

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3. GOTG LAST NIGHT BELATEDLY ANNOUNCED NEW MINIMUM WAGE

OF DALASIS 3.50 PER DAY FOR SIX-DAY WEEK, RETROACTIVE TO  
APR 1, STRESSING THIS REPRESENTS 100 PER CENT INCREASE  
SINCE NOVEMBER, 1973. NEW WORKING HOURS, TO COMMENCE MON-  
DAY, AUG 4. WHETHER NEW MINIMUM WAGE ACCEPTABLE TO UNIONS  
AND WORKERS PRESENTLY IN DOUBT. GOTG CLEARLY RELYING ON  
PRESSURES OF HUNGER AND NEED TO BREAK STRIKE. SO FAR  
VIOLENCE MINIMAL BUT TENSION EVIDENT.  
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